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Consolidating Bible Canon Lists

The Historiography of Biblical Canonization: A Comprehensive Compendium of Ancient Lists, Codices, and Synodal Decrees

The formation of the Christian biblical canon is a complex historical process marked by regional consensus, textual debates, and varying ecumenical alignments . Rather than emerging from a single authoritative decree, the Bible developed through centuries of liturgical usage, theological debate, and corporate recognition . To understand this trajectory, historians analyze a sequence of surviving manuscripts, patristic writings, and synodal lists that span from the late first century to the post-Reformation era .

The canon developed along two parallel tracks: the Old Testament, which wrestled with the relationship between the Greek Septuagint and the Hebrew Bible, and the New Testament, which sought to distinguish apostolic writings from pseudepigraphal, spurious, or heretical texts .

Chronological Overview of Canonical Developments

To provide a single, unified reference that eliminates the need to consult external databases, the table below catalogs the twenty-seven primary historical lists, codices, and synodal decrees that document the development of the biblical canon .

Chronological Order	Historical Source	Estimated Date	Primary Language	Testaments Covered	Key Theological & Textual Significance
1	*Against Apion* (Josep	94 AD	Greek	Old Testament	Earliest defense of a closed 22-book Jewish scriptural collectio

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2	Bryennios List	~100–150 AD	Semitic & Greek	Old Testament	Early Jewish-Christian list utilizing dual Semitic and Greek terminology .
3	Muratorian Fragment	170 AD	Latin (from Greek)	New Testament	Oldest extant catalog of New Testament books; includes Wisdom of Solomon .
4	Melito's List	170 AD	Greek	Old Testament	Earliest Christian reconstruction of the Old Testament based on Palestinian research .
5	Origen's Commentaries	~220–240 AD	Greek	Both	Documents the core books along with a tier of disputed Catholic Epistles .
6	Codex Vaticanus	~300–325 AD	Greek	Both	One of the oldest surviving uncial Bibles; includes extensive Septuagint deuterocanon .
7	Codex Claromontanus List	~300–350 AD	Latin	Both	A unique Western catalog showing anomalous omissions and early apocrypha .
8	Eusebius' List	325 AD	Greek	New Testament	A four-tier system classifying books from universally accepted to heretical .
9	Codex Sinaiticus	~330–360 AD	Greek	Both	Complete New Testament uncial containing Barnabas and the Shepherd of Hermas .
10	Catechesis 4 (Cyril)	350 AD	Greek	Both	Regional Palestinian list containing 22 Old Testament and 26 New Testament books .
11	Hilary's List	360 AD	Latin	Old Testament	Translates Eastern paradigms to the West; notes Tobit and Judith as non-unanimous .

Chronological Order	Historical Source	Estimated Date	Primary Language	Testaments Covered	Key Theological & Textual Significance
12	Cheltenham/Mommsen List	~360–365 AD	Latin	Both	Early Western stichometric list demonstrating localized omissions of Hebrews .
13	Synod of Laodicea	~363 AD	Greek	Both	Regional council restricting liturgical reading; omits the Book of Revelation .
14	Athanasius' 39th Festal Letter	367 AD	Greek	Both	Earliest witness to the modern 27-book New Testament canon .
15	Apostolic Canons	~380 AD	Greek	Both	Pseudepigraphal list showing late-fourth-century Syrian liturgical practice .
16	Gregory of Nazianzus	~380–389 AD	Greek	Both	Metrical poem summarizing Eastern consensus; omits the Book of Revelation .
17	Amphilochius' List	~380–403 AD	Greek	Both	Metrical catalog highlighting ongoing debates over Hebrews and the Catholic Epistles .
18	*Panarion* (Epiphanius)	~385 AD	Greek	Both	Detailed heresiological treatise defining authentic scriptures to combat sectarianism .
19	Synod of Hippo	393 AD	Latin	Both	African assembly called under Augustine; formalized the broader Latin canon .
20	Jerome's Lists	~395 AD	Greek & Latin	Both	Promoted the Hebrew canon for the Old Testament, demoting the deuterocanon .
21	Augustine's *On Christian Doctrine*	397 AD	Latin	Both	Articulates the 44-book Old Testament and 27-book New Testament Latin consensus .

Chronological Order	Historical Source	Estimated Date	Primary Language	Testaments Covered	Key Theological & Textual Significance
22	Innocent I	405 AD	Latin	Both	Papal decree to Bishop Exsuperius; aligns with Hippo/Carthage and Trent .
23	Codex Alexandrinus	~400–440 AD	Greek	Both	Exemplifies the broad Eastern manuscript tradition, adding Clementine Epistles .
24	*Decretum Gelasianum*	~519–550 AD	Latin	Both	Private legal compilation classifying canonical and banned apocryphal books .
25	*De Ecclesiasticis Officiis*	~630 AD	Latin	Both	Visigothic synthesis of Jerome's Vulgate and traditional Latin liturgical usage .
26	Luther Bible	1534 AD	German	Both	Relegated the deuterocanon to a secondary, non-equal "Apocrypha" section .
27	Council of Trent	1546 AD	Latin	Both	Dogmatically closed the Roman Catholic canon under pain of anathema .

Detailed Profiles of the Historical Canon Lists

The following section reconstructs the contextual background, linguistic setting, manuscript provenance, and exact contents of each of the twenty-seven historical lists . This narrative synthesis highlights the developmental shifts, omissions, additions, and regional disputes that characterized each stage of biblical canonization .

1. Against Apion (94 AD)

Written by the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, a member of the priestly and aristocratic class of Jerusalem, *Against Apion* is a Greek-language defense of the antiquity and divine origin of the Jewish law against the slurs of the Egyptian grammarian Apion . Josephus argues that unlike the Greeks, who possessed countless contradictory books, the Jews had a tightly delimited library of only twenty-two books . These books were divided into three sections: the five books of Moses, thirteen books of the prophets writing from the death of Moses to the reign of Artaxerxes, and four books containing hymns to God and precepts for human conduct .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, and the twelve Minor Prophets .
- **Excluded or Disputed Books:** No deuterocanonical or apocryphal books are included . Josephus's list contains the same textual material as the modern thirty-nine-book Protestant Old Testament, but it utilizes a twenty-two-book configuration by grouping Ruth with Judges and Lamentations with Jeremiah .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 36 books (canonically grouped and historically reckoned by Josephus as 22 books); New Testament: 0 books; Total: 36 books .

2. The Bryennios List (~100–150 AD)

Discovered by Metropolitan Philotheos Bryennios in 1873 within the *Codex Hierosolymitanus*, this early second-century list reflects a Jewish-Christian environment . The manuscript is notable for also containing the *Didache*, the epistles of Clement of Rome, and the letters of Ignatius of Antioch . The Bryennios List lists twenty-two Old Testament books, using both Hebrew Aramaic names transliterated into Greek and standard Greek titles .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, Ezra (listed as Esdras A), Nehemiah (listed as Esdras B), Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, and the twelve Minor Prophets .
- **Excluded or Disputed Books:** It excludes all deuterocanonical books . It represents a stable, early witness to the Palestinian Jewish canon circulating within early Eastern Christian communities .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 39 books (historically reckoned under a 22-book configuration); New Testament: 0 books; Total: 39 books .

3. The Muratorian Fragment (170 AD)

Discovered by Ludovico Antonio Muratori in the Ambrosian Library of Milan in 1740, this Latin manuscript dates to the seventh or eighth century but is a translation of a Greek original from Rome around 170 AD . The beginning of the document is physically missing, and it ends abruptly .

It represents the earliest known attempt by the Western Church to define the boundaries of the New Testament . It includes several unique features, such as the canonical acceptance of the Wisdom of Solomon alongside apostolic writings .

- **Included Books:** Matthew, Mark (both inferred from the fragmented opening), Luke (designated as the third gospel), John (the fourth), Acts, Romans, 1–2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1–2 Thessalonians, 1–2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, 1–2 John, Jude, Revelation, and the Wisdom of Solomon .
- **Listed without Unanimous Consent:** The *Apocalypse of Peter* and the *Shepherd of Hermas* are noted as disputed . The author states that the *Shepherd of Hermas* should be read privately but

cannot be read publicly in church, as it was written "recently in our own times" when Pope Pius I occupied the bishopric of Rome .

- **Omitted or Rejected Books:** The fragment omits Hebrews, James, 1–2 Peter, and 3 John . It explicitly rejects letters forged in Paul's name to the Laodiceans and Alexandrians, which it describes as "gall mixed with vinegar" that cannot be received into the Catholic Church .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 1 book (Wisdom of Solomon); New Testament: 22 books (24 books including those without unanimous consent); Total: 23 books (25 books including those without unanimous consent) .

4. Melito's List (170 AD)

Preserved by the church historian Eusebius of Caesarea in his *Ecclesiastical History*, this list was compiled by Melito, the Bishop of Sardis . Writing to his brother Onesimus, Melito explains that he traveled to the East (Palestine) to establish the exact number and order of the Old Testament scriptures . Melito's list represents the first Christian attempt to define the Old Testament based on the Hebrew canon rather than the wider Greek Septuagint .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel (reckoned as two books of Kings), 1–2 Kings (reckoned as two books of Kings), 1–2 Chronicles, Esdras (Ezra-Nehemiah), Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Wisdom of Solomon (uniquely included here, though sometimes identified as a naming variant of Proverbs), Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and the twelve Minor Prophets .
- **Excluded or Omitted Books:** Esther, Nehemiah, and Lamentations are omitted . Nehemiah was likely included under the name of Esdras, and Lamentations was likely grouped with Jeremiah .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 37 books; New Testament: 0 books; Total: 37 books .

5. Origen's Commentaries (~220–240 AD)

Origen of Alexandria, nicknamed *Adamantios* ("man of steel") for his massive scholarly output, evaluated the canonical status of various books across his commentaries on Psalm 1, Matthew 1, John 5, and Joshua . While his original works are largely lost, Eusebius preserved his canon lists . Origen distinguishes between the twenty-two books of the Hebrew canon and those read in the church, and he provides a detailed look at the disputed status of several New Testament books .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, 1–2 Esdras, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah (including Lamentations and the Epistle of Jeremiah), Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Maccabees, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, the Epistles of Paul, 1 Peter, 1 John, and Revelation .
- **Disputed Books:** 2–3 John, James, and 2 Peter are categorized as disputed .

- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 40 books; New Testament: 21 books (25 books including disputed books); Total: 61 books (65 books including disputed books) .

6. Codex Vaticanus (~300–325 AD)

Residing in the Vatican Library since at least 1475, *Codex Vaticanus* is one of the oldest extant Greek manuscripts containing both the Old and New Testaments . It is a deluxe uncial manuscript written on high-quality vellum . Textually, it is famous for omitting certain passages common in later manuscripts, such as the *Pericope Adulterae* in John 8 and the longer ending of Mark .

A curious textual anomaly exists in modern transcriptions of the Vaticanus lists, where the Epistle to the Romans is sometimes listed under both "Included" and "Omitted" . This arises because Romans is physically preserved in the codex, but the later section of the Pauline corpus (from Hebrews 9:14 onward) cuts off, meaning that several other Pauline epistles are missing from the current physical manuscript .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, 1 Esdras, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther (with Greek additions), Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Baruch, Lamentations, Epistle of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel (with additions), the twelve Minor Prophets, Judith, Tobit, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1–2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1–2 Thessalonians, Hebrews (up to Heb 9:14), James, 1–2 Peter, 1–3 John, and Jude .
- **Omitted or Lost Books:** 1–2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and Revelation are absent . Scholars believe these books likely existed in the original manuscript but perished over time .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 46 books; New Testament: 21 books; Total: 67 books .

7. List within Codex Claromontanus (~300–350 AD)

The *Codex Claromontanus* is a sixth-century Greek-Latin manuscript of the Pauline Epistles . However, between the Epistle to the Hebrews and the Epistle to Philemon, an unknown scribe copied a Latin list of books that dates to the early fourth century . The list features an unusual sequence and includes several early Christian apocrypha alongside canonical texts .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, Ezra, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, the twelve Minor Prophets, 1–2 Maccabees, 4 Maccabees, Judith, Tobit, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1–2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, 1–2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, 1–2 Peter, James, 1–3 John, Jude, Revelation, the Epistle of Barnabas, the Shepherd of Hermas, the Acts of Paul, and the Revelation of Peter .
- **Omitted Books:** 1–2 Chronicles, Nehemiah, Lamentations, Baruch, the Epistle of Jeremiah, Philippians, 1–2 Thessalonians, and Hebrews .

- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 42 books; New Testament: 27 books; Total: 69 books .

8. Eusebius' List (325 AD)

Formulated by the historian-bishop Eusebius of Caesarea during the Council of Nicaea, this New Testament list is a systematic attempt to organize the books used across the Mediterranean basin . He outlines this four-tier classification in his *Ecclesiastical History* (Book 3, Chapter 25) :

- **Accepted Books (Homologoumena):** Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, the fourteen Epistles of Paul (including Hebrews), 1 John, and 1 Peter .
- **Disputed Books (Antilegomena):** James, Jude, 2 Peter, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation .
- **Spurious Books (Notha):** The Acts of Paul, the Shepherd of Hermas, the Apocalypse of Peter, the Epistle of Barnabas, the Didache, and the Gospel according to the Hebrews .
- **Heretical Books:** The Gospel of Peter, the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Matthias, the Acts of Andrew, the Acts of John, and other apocryphal acts .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 0 books; New Testament: 21 accepted books (27 books including disputed books); Total: 21 books (27 books including disputed books) .

9. Codex Sinaiticus (~330–360 AD)

Written by multiple scribes on parchment sheets, *Codex Sinaiticus* is a fourth-century uncial manuscript containing the oldest complete New Testament .

Its Old Testament is severely damaged, containing only fragments of the historical books and the Torah, but it preserves several deuterocanonical books . The New Testament includes early Christian writings bound alongside canonical texts, reflecting a time when these works were used liturgically in Eastern churches .

- **Included Books:** Genesis (fragments), Leviticus (fragments), Numbers (fragments), 1 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms (including Psalm 151), Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Tobit, Judith, 1 Maccabees, 4 Maccabees, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1–2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1–2 Thessalonians, 1–2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1–2 Peter, 1–3 John, Jude, Revelation, the Epistle of Barnabas, and the Shepherd of Hermas .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 30 preserved books (historically damaged, originally a full Septuagint); New Testament: 29 preserved books (including Barnabas and Hermas); Total: 59 preserved books .

10. Catechesis 4 by Cyril of Jerusalem (350 AD)

Cyril of Jerusalem, a bishop and prominent theological defender of the Nicene Faith, delivered his *Catechetical Lectures* around 350 AD to instruct candidates for baptism . In his fourth lecture, Cyril

warns his catechumens to avoid heretical apocrypha and stick strictly to the books read in the Church .

His New Testament canon is identical to the modern twenty-seven-book Protestant and Catholic New Testament, with the sole exclusion of the Book of Revelation .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, 1–2 Esdras, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah (with Baruch, Lamentations, and the Epistle of Jeremiah), Ezekiel, Daniel, the twelve Minor Prophets, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1–2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1–2 Thessalonians, 1–2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1–3 John, and Jude .
- **Excluded Book:** Revelation is omitted .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 41 books; New Testament: 26 books; Total: 67 books .

11. Hilary's List (360 AD)

Hilary, the Bishop of Poitiers in Gaul, was exiled by the pro-Arian Emperor Constantius II to Phrygia, where he studied Eastern theological traditions . In his Latin commentary on the Psalms, Hilary lists the Old Testament books . He translates Eastern traditions to a Western audience, structuring the Old Testament around the twenty-two books of the Hebrew Bible but noting that some traditions include Tobit and Judith to reach a total of twenty-four .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, "Words of the Days of Esdras" (Ezra-Nehemiah), Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah (with Lamentations and the Epistle), Ezekiel, Daniel, and the twelve Minor Prophets .
- **Listed without Unanimous Consent:** Tobit and Judith .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 39 books (41 books including Tobit and Judith); New Testament: 0 books; Total: 39 books (41 books including Tobit and Judith) .

12. The Cheltenham/Mommsen List (~360–365 AD)

Discovered in 1886 by Theodor Mommsen within a tenth-century manuscript at Cheltenham, England, this list represents a mid-fourth-century Latin catalog from North Africa . It serves as a stichometric study manual, listing the syllable or line counts for each book to help copyists calculate their wages and prevent scribal additions .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy... (the Old Testament section is truncated in the surviving manuscript) . In the New Testament, it lists Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, thirteen Epistles of Paul (omitting Hebrews), Acts, Revelation, three Epistles of John, and two Epistles of Peter .

- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 5 preserved books (historically 38 books intended); New Testament: 21 books (historically 24 books intended); Total: 26 preserved books (historically 62 books intended) .

13. The Synod of Laodicea (~363 AD)

The Synod of Laodicea was a regional assembly of approximately thirty bishops from Asia Minor . The council established sixty canons to regulate church order . Canon 59 decreed that "no private psalms nor any uncanonical books may be read in church, but only the canonical books of the New and Old Testaments" .

Canon 60 provided the actual list of canonical scriptures . Because Canon 60 is missing from some early manuscripts, some scholars believe it may have been added at a later date . Like Cyril's list, this Greek canon includes Baruch and the Epistle of Jeremiah but omits Revelation .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Baruch, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Epistle of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, the twelve Minor Prophets, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1–2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1–2 Thessalonians, 1–2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1–2 Peter, 1–3 John, and Jude .
- **Excluded Book:** Revelation is omitted .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 41 books; New Testament: 26 books; Total: 67 books .

14. Athanasius' 39th Festal Letter (367 AD)

Every year preceding Easter, the Bishop of Alexandria sent a pastoral letter to announce the correct date of Easter and address theological matters . In his 39th Festal Letter, written in 367 AD, Athanasius sought to address the threat of heretical or apocryphal literature . This letter is highly significant because it is the earliest known document to list the New Testament canon in its final twenty-seven-book form .

In some descriptions on the *BibleCanon.org* website, a formatting error blends the descriptions of Athanasius and Pope Innocent I . The text states that the Festal Letter was "given to a fellow bishop, Exsuperius of Toulouse," and aligns with the Council of Trent . Historically, Athanasius wrote his letter to the Egyptian church, while Innocent I wrote his letter to Bishop Exsuperius of Toulouse in 405 AD .

Athanasius categorized Christian literature into three tiers :

- **Canonical Books:** The standard books of the Old Testament (omitting Esther but including Baruch and the Epistle of Jeremiah) and the twenty-seven books of the New Testament .
- **Books to Be Read (Devotional):** Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach, Esther, Judith, Tobit, the Didache, and the Shepherd of Hermas .
- **Apocrypha (Rejected):** Books forged by heretics to lead believers astray .

- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 39 canonical books (plus 5 devotional "To Be Read" books, including Esther, Wisdom, Sirach, Judith, and Tobit); New Testament: 27 books; Total: 66 canonical books (71 books including devotional books) .

15. The Apostolic Canons (~380 AD)

The Apostolic Canons are a collection of eighty-five ecclesiastical decrees compiled as part of the eighth book of the pseudepigraphal *Apostolic Constitutions* . Reflecting the late-fourth-century practice of the Syrian Church, this Greek catalog presented its decisions as direct mandates from the Apostles . It includes several unique additions, such as the Epistles of Clement of Rome, and includes Psalm 151 within the Psalter .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms (including Psalm 151), Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, the twelve Minor Prophets, Judith, 1–3 Maccabees, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, fourteen Epistles of Paul, James, 1–2 Peter, 1–3 John, Jude, and the 1–2 Epistles of Clement .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 42 books; New Testament: 28 books; Total: 70 books .

16. Gregory of Nazianzus (~380–389 AD)

Gregory of Nazianzus, one of the three Cappadocian Fathers and the Archbishop of Constantinople, composed a Greek metrical poem to guide Christian readers in identifying authentic scriptures . His poem presents a strict Eastern canon, omitting the deuterocanonical books and the Book of Revelation .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, the twelve Minor Prophets, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1–2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1–2 Thessalonians, 1–2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1–2 Peter, 1–3 John, and Jude .
- **Excluded Book:** Revelation is omitted .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 39 books; New Testament: 26 books; Total: 65 books .

17. Amphilochius' List (~380–403 AD)

Amphilochius, the Bishop of Iconium and a close associate of Basil of Caesarea, composed a metrical poem titled *Iambics for Seleucus* . His list is highly valuable because it explicitly names the books disputed in the late fourth century, offering a candid look at Eastern canonical development .

- **Analysis of Disputes:** Amphilochius notes that some accept seven Catholic Epistles, while others receive only three (James, 1 Peter, and 1 John) . He notes that the Epistle to the Hebrews is disputed by many, though he defends its Pauline authorship . Regarding the Book of Revelation,

he famously writes: "And of the Revelation of John, again, some approve, but the majority say it is spurious" .

- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 39 books; New Testament: 22 books (or 26 books if including all seven Catholic Epistles); Total: 61 books (or 65 books if including all seven Catholic Epistles) .

18. Panarion (Adversus Haereses) (~385 AD)

Epiphanius of Salamis, a bishop known for his zeal in defending orthodoxy, compiled the *Panarion* ("The Medicine Chest") to combat eighty distinct heresies . To counter Gnostic and other sectarian scriptures, Epiphanius catalogs the authentic Hebrew and Christian texts . He defends the standard Jewish Old Testament canon while noting the instructional value of books like Wisdom and Sirach, and he asserts the authority of the four Gospels and the apostolic epistles .

- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 39 books (plus Wisdom and Sirach as secondary/instructional books); New Testament: 27 books; Total: 66 books (68 books including the instructional books) .

19. The Synod of Hippo (393 AD)

Believed to have been called by Aurelius and Augustine of Hippo, this Latin regional council convened in Hippo, North Africa . The synod sought to regulate church order, clergy ordination, liturgical matters, and the biblical canon .

The original acts do not survive, but a summary of its decisions was re-ratified at the Council of Carthage in 397 AD . The synod codified the Latin consensus, which included the deuterocanonical books (Wisdom, Sirach, Judith, Tobit, and 1–2 Maccabees) as canonical scripture .

- **Included Books:** The standard Protestant canon plus Wisdom, Sirach, Judith, Tobit, 1–2 Maccabees, and the twenty-seven books of the New Testament .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 46 books; New Testament: 27 books; Total: 73 books .

20. Jerome's Lists (~395 AD)

Jerome of Stridon, the primary translator of the Latin Vulgate, was one of the most brilliant scholars of the Western Church . Drawing on his study of Hebrew in Bethlehem, Jerome advocated for "Hebrew verity" (*Hebraica Veritas*), arguing that the Old Testament should reflect the books of the Hebrew Bible .

In his *Prologus Galeatus* ("Helmeted Preface") and *Epistle 53*, Jerome defined a strict Old Testament canon, categorizing the deuterocanonical books as non-canonical but useful for church instruction .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, Ezra-Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, the twelve Minor Prophets, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1–2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1–2 Thessalonians, and 1–2 Timothy .

- **Excluded from Canonical Status:** Wisdom, Sirach, Judith, Tobit, and 1–2 Maccabees are demoted to secondary status .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 38 books (historically corresponding to the 22/24-book Hebrew canon); New Testament: 16 books preserved (historically 27 books intended); Total: 54 books preserved (historically 65 books intended) .

21. Augustine's "On Christian Doctrine" (397 AD)

In his treatise *De Doctrina Christiana* ("On Christian Doctrine"), Augustine of Hippo outlined the rules for interpreting scripture and provided a definitive list of canonical books . Augustine favored the broader Septuagintal collection, arguing that the translation was divinely guided and that the Church should recognize books traditionally used in liturgy, regardless of their status in Hebrew .

- **Included Books:** A forty-four-book Old Testament (which includes Judith, Tobit, 1–2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach, and the additions to Daniel and Esther) and the standard twenty-seven-book New Testament .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 44 books; New Testament: 27 books; Total: 71 books .

22. Pope Innocent I (405 AD)

In 405 AD, Pope Innocent I sent an epistolary decree to Exsuperius, the Bishop of Toulouse . Innocent I sought to settle disputes between the Eastern and Western churches by listing the authorized books of scripture .

This papal decree represents the first time the Bishop of Rome issued an official, centralized canon list . It is highly significant because it perfectly matches the Latin consensus of Hippo and Carthage, which was later dogmatized at the Council of Trent in 1546 .

- **Included Books:** The seventy-three-book Roman Catholic canon, including both the deuterocanonical books and the twenty-seven New Testament epistles .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 46 books; New Testament: 27 books; Total: 73 books .

23. Codex Alexandrinus (~400–440 AD)

Written on vellum and traceably originating from Alexandria, Egypt, *Codex Alexandrinus* contains almost the entire Greek Septuagint and New Testament . It features fewer textual omissions than *Codex Sinaiticus* and illustrates the broad canonical libraries of the early Eastern Church .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esdras A, Esdras B, Esther, 1–2 Maccabees, 3 Maccabees, 4 Maccabees, Job, the Epistle of Athanasius to Marcellinus, the Hypothesis of Psalms by Eusebius, Psalms, the Book of Odes, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach, Isaiah, Jeremiah, the Epistle of Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel (with additions), the twelve Minor Prophets, the Psalms of Solomon, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1–2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians,

Colossians, 1–2 Thessalonians, 1–2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1–2 Peter, 1–3 John, Jude, Revelation, 1 Clement, and 2 Clement .

- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 53 books; New Testament: 29 books; Total: 82 books .

24. Decretum Gelasianum (~519–550 AD)

The *Decretum Gelasianum* is a Latin compilation historically attributed to Pope Gelasius I but likely compiled as a private legal collection in Southern Gaul or Italy . It consists of five chapters, including a list of canonical books and a list of apocryphal works banned from church reading .

- **Included Books:** A seventy-three-book canon matching the declarations of Hippo and Innocent I .
- **Banned Books:** Explicitly rejects numerous Gnostic gospels, pseudepigraphal apocalypses, and letters forged in the names of the Apostles .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 46 books; New Testament: 27 books; Total: 73 books .

25. De Ecclesiasticis Officiis (~630 AD)

Composed by Isidore of Seville, the Archbishop of Visigothic Spain, *De Ecclesiasticis Officiis* is a comprehensive treatise on church offices, liturgies, and scriptural origins . In his chapter on scripture, Isidore lists the canonical books, successfully integrating Jerome's Vulgate translation with the broader Latin liturgical tradition .

- **Included Books:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalm, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, the twelve Minor Prophets, Tobit, Judith, 1–2 Maccabees, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, and Romans .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 45 books; New Testament: 6 books preserved (historically 27 books intended); Total: 51 books preserved (historically 72/73 books intended) .

26. The Luther Bible (1534 AD)

The Protestant Reformation challenged the canonical status of the deuterocanonical books . Martin Luther translated the Bible into German in 1534, drawing on Jerome's arguments for "Hebrew verity" .

Luther removed the deuterocanonical books from the Old Testament and placed them in a separate section between the testaments . He prefaced this section with a famous statement: "*Apocrypha, that are books which are not considered equal to the Holy Scriptures, but are useful and good to read*" .

- **Old Testament Canon:** Restricted to the thirty-nine books of the Hebrew Bible .
- **Apocrypha Section:** Tobit, Judith, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach, Baruch, 1–2 Maccabees, the Additions to Daniel, and the Additions to Esther .
- **New Testament Placement:** Luther moved Hebrews, James, Jude, and Revelation to the end of his translation, expressing doubts about their apostolic authority .

- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 39 books (plus an Apocrypha section of 8 books/additions); New Testament: 27 books; Total: 66 books (74 books including the Apocrypha section) .

27. The Council of Trent (1546 AD)

In response to the Protestant challenge, the Roman Catholic Church convened its nineteenth ecumenical council in Trent . During the fourth session, the council issued a definitive decree on the canonical scriptures (*De Canonicis Scripturis*) .

This decree dogmatically declared all seventy-three books of the Latin Vulgate (including the deuterocanonical books) to be equally inspired and authoritative . The council concluded with an anathema against anyone who refused to receive these books as sacred and canonical .

- **Included Books:** The seventy-three-book Catholic canon, dogmatically closing the Latin biblical library .
- **Total Book Count:** Old Testament: 46 books; New Testament: 27 books; Total: 73 books .

Historical, Textual, and Sociological Dynamics

Tracing these twenty-seven lists reveals several key patterns that shaped the development of the biblical canon .

The Impact of Early Uncial Manuscripts

The physical format of scripture shifted from individual papyrus scrolls to large, single-volume uncial codices (like Vaticanus, Sinaiticus, and Alexandrinus) during the fourth century, which was a critical catalyst for canonization . Before the fourth century, churches collected scriptural writings on separate scrolls .

Binding all these texts into a single, expensive leather volume forced scribes and patrons to make definitive decisions about what was considered scriptural and what was not .

These early uncials reveal that early Christian collections were often broader than modern canons, frequently binding books like the *Epistle of Barnabas*, the *Shepherd of Hermas*, or *1–2 Clement* alongside the standard New Testament books .

The Divergence between Jerome and Augustine

The debate over the Old Testament canon during the late fourth and early fifth centuries centered on two competing intellectual models . Jerome advocated for a strict alignment with the Hebrew text, while Augustine argued for the authority of the Greek Septuagint, which had been used in the Christian liturgy since the apostolic era .

Jerome's model focused on historical and linguistic origins, while Augustine's model emphasized the lived liturgical tradition and corporate reception of the Church .

Although the Western Church historically adopted Augustine's broader canon at Hippo and Carthage, the Protestant Reformers eventually revived Jerome's arguments to justify removing the deuterocanonical books from their Old Testament .

The Move to the Sixty-Six-Book Protestant Canon

The physical removal of the Apocrypha from most Protestant Bibles occurred nearly three centuries after the Reformation, driven primarily by administrative and financial factors .

Founded in 1804, the British and Foreign Bible Society (BFBS) originally printed standard Protestant Bibles that included the Apocrypha in their traditional inter-testamental position . However, in 1815, under significant financial pressure and facing opposition from non-conformist Protestant factions who strongly objected to spending missionary funds on non-canonical literature, the BFBS established a policy to cease the publication of the Apocrypha .

By removing the deuterocanonical books, the society achieved a significant reduction in printing, binding, and shipping costs .

Because the BFBS was the global leader in Bible production, its mass distribution network popularized the sixty-six-book Bible layout across North America, the British Empire, and global missionary fields . By the late nineteenth century, the total number of sixty-six-book Bibles in circulation exceeded the seventy-three-book version for the first time in Christian history, fundamentally altering the popular perception of the scriptural canon .

Conclusions and Practical Implications

Evaluating these historical sources yields several key conclusions for historians, theologians, and researchers:

1. **A Gradual, Regional Process:** The biblical canon developed through centuries of liturgical usage, regional consensus, and theological debate, rather than emerging from a single imperial decree or ecumenical council .
2. **Differing Paths to Old Testament Consensus:** The modern Protestant Old Testament aligns with the Palestinian Jewish canon defended by Josephus and Melito, while the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox canons preserve the broader Greek Septuagintal collections reflected in the great uncial codices .
3. **The Early Stability of the New Testament:** The New Testament canon stabilized much earlier than the Old Testament deuterocanon . A core collection of twenty-two books was recognized across most regions by the second century, although regional debates over books like Revelation, Hebrews, and some Catholic Epistles persisted for several centuries .
4. **The Role of Material Factors:** Physical and economic factors—such as the transition to the parchment codex in the fourth century and the mass production choices of nineteenth-century bible societies—played a major role in shaping the modern Bible .

I have updated the research report to include a comprehensive bullet point summarizing the total book count (specifying Old Testament, New Testament, and combined totals) at the end of each of the twenty-seven detailed list profiles . All other original text, citations, analysis, and data sections remain exactly as previously presented.